

REMARKS

As of the mailing date of the Advisory Action, Claims 1-31 are pending in this application. Of the pending claims, claims 1-13, 15, 16 and 19 are rejected (final); claims 14, 17, 18 and 31 are objected to; and claims 20-30 are allowed.

By way of this paper, Claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 13 have been canceled; and Claims 9, 12, 14, and 19 have been amended.

Extension of Time

It is Applicants understanding that the time period for reply expired on the mailing date of the Advisory Action or the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later, because Applicants filed a response to the final rejection on May 26, 2005, which was within the two month time period to respond to the final rejection. The final rejection was mailed by the USPTO on April 5, 2005. The Advisory Action was mailed by the USPTO on August 10, 2005.

As such, Applicants are filing this response with a request for a one month extension of time. If, however, Applicants understanding is incorrect, authorization for a request for an additional extension of time is provided on the cover page accompanying this response.

Claim Rejection – 35 USC 102

Claims 1-13, 15, 16 and 19 are rejected under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Trauemicht et al. (US 20040155917A1).

Claims 1-8, 10, 11, and 13 have been canceled by way of this paper. Claims 9, 12, and 19 have been amended such that each claim now depends from rewritten Claim 14 as described below. Claims 15 and 16 depend from Claim 14. As such, Applicants submit that the 35 USC 102(e) rejection of Claims 1-13, 15, 16, and 19 is now moot. Applicants do, however, reserve the right to continue prosecution of the subject matter of claims 1-13, 15, 16, and 19 in a continuation application filed at a later date.

Allowable Subject Matter/Claims

Claims 20-30 are allowed.

Claim 31, which is dependent on allowed claim 20, is indicated to be allowable "if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, 2nd

paragraph, set forth in this Office Action". However, since there is no such rejection in the Office Action, and since the Examiner states that "all 35 USC 112 rejections have been reconsidered and withdrawn", it is assumed there is a typing error and claim 31 is allowed.

Claims 14, 17 and 18 depend from rejected claim 8, but are indicated to be allowable in substance. Claim 14 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the features of its base claim and any intervening claims. Claims 9, 12, and 19 have been amended such that each claim now depends from rewritten Claim 14. Claims 15-18 depend from Claim 14. Accordingly, Applicants request allowance of Claims 9, 12, and 14-19.

Conclusion

The above remarks are believed to be fully responsive to the final Office Action. It is respectfully submitted that, in view of the above remarks, this application is now in condition for allowance, a notice of which is solicited.

The Examiner is invited to call the undersigned in the event that a phone interview will expedite prosecution of this application towards allowance.

Respectfully submitted,



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